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FM AMCONSUL UDORN

TO AMEMB VIENTIANE PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: E & E: U.S. PRESENCE IN LAOS

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1. IF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHARTERED PLANES CANNOT MOVE PEOPLE OUT OF VIENTIANE FAST ENOUGH, AN UNLIMITED NUMBER COULD BE MOVED ACROSS THE RIVER BY BOAT AT THE REGULAR THA DUEA - NONGKHAI CROSSING POINT. SOME COULD GET ON OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO BANGKOK, GET OFF AT DON MUANG STATION (ARRIVAL ABOUT 6 A.M.), AND CROSS OVER TO AIRPORT TO GET FLIGHT OUT.

2. IF TRAIN FILLS UP, OTHERS COULD TAXI TO UDORN TO WAIT FOR MOVEMENT TO DON MUANG BY THE NEXT DAY'S TRAIN OR POSSIBLY BY ADDITIONAL CHARTERED AIRCRAFT.

3. THERE ARE ENOUGH ACCOMMODATIONS AT UDORN TO HANDLE EVERYONE THE SAME NIGHT IF NECESSARY. UDORN HOTELS HAVE
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350 SPACES AVAILABLE. THE AIRBASE HAS 200 - 300 SPACES,

EVEN WITHOUT SETTING UP BEDS IN EMPTY BARRACKS, WHICH THE
USAF COULD DO EASILY.

4. WE COULD ASSIST WITH PROCUREMENT OF TAXIS, TRAIN
TICKETS, ETC. AND THE USAF IS PREPARED TO GIVE ANY
NECESSARY ASSISTANCE WITH BILLETING AND FEEDING ETC. IN
SHORT, IF PEOPLE HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY THERE IS NO REASON
ON THIS SIDE OF THE RIVER WHY PEOPLE COULD NOT COME AS
FAST AS THEY CAN WALK DOWN THE STEPS AND CLIMB INTO BOATS.
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